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1. During meetings held in Havana, Cuba, in August 1948, attended by Cuban Senator Eusebio Mujals, Secretary of the Confederacion Intercontinental de Trabajadores (CIT), Cesar Tronconi, Labor Attache at the Argentine Embassy, Havana, Cuba, Serafino Romualdi, of the American Federation of Labor, and other labor leaders, plans were laid to affiliate the Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CGT) of Argentina and the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC) with the CIT.
2. [REDACTED] Argentina would abandon the Latin American Third Front labor movement created by President Peron; Peron's dream of the Third Front is fading because of his unpopularity among Latin American republic leaders. During visits of labor leaders to Buenos Aires, the action of Peron and his assistants was unsatisfactory. In view of the unpopularity of the Third Front, Peron and his advisors have decided to exert their influence in the labor movement through the CIT. According to Peron's advisors, it would be inadvisable for Peron's labor movement to remain isolated.
3. One of the persons who has influenced this change in Argentina's attitude has been Angel Cofino, Secretary General of the legal CTC. Cofino, who is an intimate friend of Tronconi and Mujals, has attempted to convince the different leaders that it is necessary to destroy continentally the Communist influence.
4. Cofino and members of the National Independent Workers Committee, a group within the legal CTC opposed to Autentico political elements in the CTC, now are agreed that the CTC must associate itself with the CIT. Cofino's reason for separation from the CTAL is in part personal, as continued affiliation with the CTAL injures his reputation for being an anti-Communist. At the same time, his action aids Lazaro Pena, the leader of the Communist CTC group, which is considered illegal by the government and reportedly has no affiliations.
5. The Second Inter-American Workers Congress of the CIT allegedly will be held in Havana, Cuba, during the summer of 1949. At this meeting, the Cuban CTC, the Argentine CGT, and possibly some other labor syndicates of Latin America will be given membership in the CIT.

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6. During October, on his proposed trip to Argentina to arrange the final requirements for the affiliation of the Cuban CTC and the Argentine CGT with the CTF, Mujals will be accompanied by Francisco Aguirre, Minister of Labor under Grau San Martin and Vice Secretary General of the CTC. Both Mujals and Aguirre are leaders of the National Workers Committee of the Autentico Party.

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